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**MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Record of Communication – meeting with Uintah & Ouray Business Committee

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TO: U&O FIP Consultation

This memorandum is to serve as a record of communication for a meeting that occurred between the Uintah & Ouray Business Committee and US EPA Region 8 on January 14, 2016, by teleconference in Deb Thomas' office.

**Attendees:**

EPA

Deb Thomas, Region 8 Deputy Regional Administrator  
Darcy O'Connor, OPRA Acting Assistant Regional Administrator  
Alfreda Mitre, Region 8 Tribal Advisor  
Carl Daly, Air Program Director  
Dee Rothery, Air Permitting, Monitoring & Modeling Unit Chief  
Kim Varilek, Office of Regional Counsel  
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Claudia Smith, Air Permitting, Monitoring & Modeling Unit  
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Gregory Green, Office of Air Quality Planning & Standards  
Andy Byrne, American Indian Environmental Office

Ute Tribe

Edred Secakuku, Vice Chairman Ute Indian Tribe  
Tony Small, Councilman Ute Indian Tribe  
Bruce Ignacio, Councilman Ute Indian Tribe  
Rollie Wilson, Fredericks Peebles & Morgan, LLP  
Jeremy Patterson, Fredericks Peebles & Morgan, LLP

### **Summary of U&O FIP Consultation**

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss with the Tribe a reservation-specific rulemaking to control VOC's from existing oil and gas sources on the U&O Indian Reservation.

EPA provided a brief summary of the following:

- Benefits of a reservation-specific rule or FIP,
- Estimated cost of compliance with the draft FIP, and
- The schedule for the revised ozone NAAQS, and the draft FIP schedule and effective date.

EPA and the Tribe also discussed the pathway toward Treatment as a State, and the possible future conversion of the FIP to a TIP.

We asked if there was additional information the Tribe would like to share or concerns that the Tribe would like to raise regarding EPA proceeding to propose the reservation-specific FIP sometime in early spring. The members of the Ute Tribe participating in the consultation did not express any concerns with EPA proceeding with the FIP. However, they said that EPA should consult with the entire Business Committee. We asked when their next meeting was and whether we can put another consultation, with a quorum of the Business Committee, on the agenda. They recommended we contact the Committee's Secretary, Reannin Poppif to make that request.